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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: CONTENTS DISTRIBUTION METHOD AND SYSTEM



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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2001, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicants have submitted formal drawings with this Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 5 and 7 as follows:

1. (Amended) A contents distribution method for distributing digitized contents to plural users, comprising the steps of:
encrypting and distributing contents to the plural users;
selecting by a user at least one of the encrypted content from the distributed contents;
decoding the encrypted content and utilizing thereof by the user; and
executing accounting to the user according to said utilized content.

2. (Amended) The contents distribution method according to Claim 1, wherein:
said content mean a document displayed or printed in a page unit; and
said accounting is executed for said page unit.